

*Interim Grant Report: One-Year Grant
Eden Health District*

Grantee Organization Name: Alameda County Fire Department
Program or Project Name: ACFD/EHD All-Terrain Vehicle and Transport Trailer
Application Number and Grant Amount: \$24,608.12
Beginning and Ending Dates of Grant Period:
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The objective of the ACFD/EHD All-Terrain Vehicle and Transport Trailer grant project were to purchase an all-terrain vehicle and associated trailer to enhance the capabilities to provide quick and rapid access for the treatment, rescue and removal of patients in rural and remote areas. The goal was to purchase and purpose build a unit with integrated EMS and gurney transport capacity. This goal was met. Additional goals were to modify ACFD Station 26 property to accommodate the UTV and trailer, test the operation of the vehicle during a non-emergency training exercise and public event, these goals were met successfully. The remaining goals were to develop a detailed training plan for ACFD Firefighters for operations in remote areas, including vehicle operation, 4-wheel driving and safety considerations and also to implement the training plan. This goal is nearing completion, the first phase of training the ACFD members at Station 26 and placing the unit in service will be completed on October 10, 2017. The second phase of training over 300 ACFD members will be completed by November 17, 2017.

The project objective and goals will be met before the end of the grant period. Several slight delays were encountered due to county purchasing rules and vendor sourcing. These were not accounted for in the original grant application. The project is progressing, developing a new response platform and response model takes a considerable amount of time and resources.

A measurable outcome to the grants specific objective was gathered recently. The UTV and trailer were used successfully during a 2-day intensive Hazardous Materials response and Urban Search and Rescue training exercise, Urban Shield 2017. The unit was staffed by two ACFD Paramedics providing EMS and rescue capability to 1000 responders, staff and volunteers over the two days. The exercise was located in rural area with challenging access to exercise participants. Our expectations are continued success using this platform in a diverse response environment. We have not encountered any unexpected problems, other than the purchasing challenges during this grant.

The Alameda County Fire Department is grateful for the opportunity to partner with Eden Health District and looks forward to working together to provide superior customer service throughout the areas where the ACFD and Eden Health District overlap to ensure all of our citizens are kept from harm.



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